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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL,.....£1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL,.....£ 500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors.

D. GILLIES, Esq. | H. STOLTERFOHT, Esq.
CHAN KIT SHAN, Esq. | CHOW TUNG SHANG, Esq.
KWAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.
Chief Manager.
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 %.

Hongkong, October 23, 1894. 1711

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL,.....£1,500,000.
SUBSCRIBED, ...£1,125,000.
PAID-UP,.....£ 562,500.

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J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 18, 1895. 228

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
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CAPITAL PAID-UP£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS£800,000
RESERVE FUND£325,000

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On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 %
" " " 6 " 3½ %
" " " 3 " 2½ %

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 16, 1895. 846

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND.....$ 5,500,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....$10,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—
J. KRAMER, Esq.—Chairman.
A. McCONACHIE, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
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R. M. Gray, Esq.

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On FIXED DEPOSITS:—
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1895. 343

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Hongkong, July 24, 1893. 1397

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Hongkong, November 28, 1895. 2210

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Hongkong, December 7, 1895. 2287

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Business Notices.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:—

FOR.	STEAMSHIP.	DATE.	REMARKS.
S'HAI, N'SAKI, KOBE & Y'AMA.	*Palawan*	About 28th Dec.	Freight or Passage, (passing through the INLAND SEA).
SHANGHAI	*Peshawur*	About 30th Dec.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	*Ceylon*	About 31st Dec.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	*Rosetta*	Noon, 2nd Jan.	*See Special Advertisement.*
JAPAN	*Verona*	Noon, 3rd Jan.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	*Maxagon*	About 15th Jan.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	*Japan*	About 24th Jan.	Freight or Passage.

For further Particulars, apply to

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, ALF. WOOLLEY, *Acting Superintendent.*
Hongkong, December 20, 1895. 2403

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY,

Nos. 11, 13 and 15, Central Market.

PRIME BEEF and MUTTON.
CORNED BEEF and TONGUES.
AUSTRALIAN PICKLED HOG'S TONGUES.
AMERICAN BUTTER in Rolls and Pats.
GAME, &c., &c., &c.

SHIPPING AND COAST PORT ORDERS WILL HAVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

J. TATAM.

Hongkong, December 2, 1895. 2244

CLAUSEN'S HOTEL,

66 MAIN STREET, YOKOHAMA.

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Notices of Firms.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM this date, during the Absence of Mr. JAS. B. COUGHTRIE from the Colony, Mr. GEO. L. TOMLIN has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY to the Company.

A. McCONACHIE,
Chairman.

Hongkong, December 9, 1895. 2300

NOTICE.

MY Brother, Mr EDMUND HUMPHREYS, my Son, Mr HENRY HUMPHREYS, Mr HART BUCK, and my Nephew, Mr JOHN AMBROSE JUPP, have this day been ADMITTED into PARTNERSHIP in my Firm of JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS.

Hongkong, December 2, 1895. 2247

Intimations.

XMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 25th and 26th Instant, respectively.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the 'Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,'
J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Banque de L'Indo-Chine, Hongkong Agency,'
L. SIMON,
Manager.

For the 'Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.,' Hongkong,
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, December 18, 1895. 2394

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 25th and 26th Instant, respectively.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
N. J. EDE,
Secretary,
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.
B. O. T. GRAY,
Acting Agent,
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.
W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.
SHEWAN & Co.,
Agents,
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ltd.
GEORGE L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary,
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
WM. MACBEAN,
Manager,
The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, December 19, 1895. 2393

CHAN A-TONG,

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Intimations.

WANTED.

SOUND SECOND-HAND SAILING VESSEL; about 100 tons reg.; fully equipped for sea; rig immaterial.

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Singapore, 18th November, 1895. 2288

WANTED.

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VACUUM OIL Co.,
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Hongkong, December 18, 1895. 2391

CHRISTMAS

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Hongkong, December 20, 1895. 2404

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LEVY HERMANOS.

Hongkong, December 10, 1895. 2316

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ninth Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at THEOBALD'S HOUSE, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 27th Instant, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 30th November last.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 27th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 13, 1895. 2397

PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Connaught House, on SATURDAY, the 28th December, 1895, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to September 30th 1895, and for the Election of Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES B. DUNCAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 17, 1895. 2410

Auctions.

CLEARANCE SALE!

Owing to alteration of Premises.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. FALCONER & Co., to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 23rd December, 1895, at 2.30 p.m., at their Premises,—

SUNDRY UNNECESSARY FITTINGS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS.

And

1 LARGE MILNER'S SAFE.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 18, 1895. 2383

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 518.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1895, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 7th December, 1895. 2369

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1895, at 3 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N. ft.	S. ft.	E. ft.	W. ft.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent. $	Upset Price. $
	Inland Lot	Tung Lo Wan, (Causeway Bay)							
1	No. 1,558		50	50	100	100	5,000	38	750

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 519.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1895, at 4 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 7th December, 1895. 2370

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1895, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N. ft.	S. ft.	E. ft.	W. ft.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent. $	Upset Price. $
	Wong-nai-chong Inland Lot	Wong-nai-chong							
1	No. 126	Village	60	50	31	31	1,550	4	78

Intimations.

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE First Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS called for Noon on SATURDAY, the 14th, is POSTPONED to Noon, on SATURDAY, the 28th Inst.

W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2334

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING of the Company will be held in the BOARD ROOM of The Hongkong Dispensary, on SATURDAY, the 28th day of December, 1895, at Noon, to Confirm the Special Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held This Day.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS,
General Manager.

Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2373

PRELIMINARY ADVERTISEMENT.

A NEWSPAPER
will be published very soon,
to be called
HUMPHREYS CLOCK.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

Hongkong, November 27, 1895. 2206

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents, with Approval of the Consulting Committee, will on the 2ND JANUARY, 1896, ISSUE INTEREST WARRANTS of $5 per SHARE, PAYABLE at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, the same being at the Rate of 10 PER CENT. per Annum on the Paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1895.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, December 17, 1895. 2379

Entertainments.

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Further Particulars as to date of Performance, &c., later.

Hongkong, December 18, 1895. 2392

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TWO PERFORMANCES
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SATURDAY, 28th Dec.

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Mrs. J. ANDREW, Mrs. V. A. CÆSAR-HAWKINS, Miss M. DICK-MELBOURNE and Mrs. ALFRED WHITTESLEY.

TICKETS can be obtained at the Theatre Royal, CITY HALL, on and after *Thursday*, the 19th December.

Booking Office open each day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PRICES $3.00, $2.00 and $1.00.

LATE TRAMS 15 Minutes after each Performance.

Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2339

To-day's Advertisements.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

No. 67.

NOTICE is hereby given that WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 25th Instant, and WEDNESDAY, the 1st January, 1896, will be observed as HOLIDAYS, at the KOWLOON CUSTOMS OFFICE.

Work at the Opium Examination Office and Customs Stations will proceed as usual.

H. M. HILLIER,
Acting Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District.

CUSTOM HOUSE,
Kowloon, 21st December, 1895. 2408

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *HANKOW*,
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 21, 1895. 2418

TO LET.

DWELLING HOUSES—
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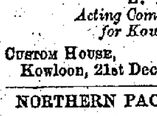
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Hongkong, December 21, 1895. 251

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FOR SHANGHAI *VIA* SWATOW.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, HANKOW *and Ports on the* YANGTSZE).



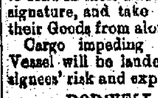
The Co.'s Steamship
Fooksang,
Capt. R. Y. ANDERSON,
will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 24th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, December 21, 1895. 2412

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND CHEFOO.



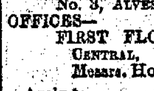
The Steamship
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will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 27th Inst.

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Hongkong, December 21, 1895. 2415

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.



The Steamship
Shropshire,
Captain DAVIES, will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY, the 28th Instant.

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Hongkong, December 21, 1895. 2417

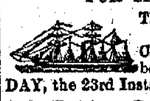
Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Baltimore	Amy Turner	Siemssen & Co.	Quick despatch.
Bremen & Ports o' Call	Sachsen (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Jan. 6, at 3 p.m.
Genoa and Marseilles	Clan (s)	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About Dec. 30.
Havre, London & H'bg	Pectan (s)	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About Dec. 27.
Japan	Verona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 3, at noon.
Kobé and Yokohama	Leonox (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Dec. 24, at 5 p.m.
Kudat and Sandakan	Memnon (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 25, daylight.
London, v. Ports of Call	Moyune (s)	Holliday, Wise & Co.	Dec. 24, at 3 p.m.
London, v. Suez Canal	Teucer (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 24.
London, v. Suez Canal	Glenfarg (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	About Jan. 17.
London & Ports of Call	Rosetta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 2, at noon.
London	Ceylon (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 31.
London	Mazagon (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 16.
London	Japan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 24.
Manila	Zafiro (s)	Shewan & Co.	Dec. 24, at noon.
Marseilles, v. Saigon	Saghalien (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Dec. 25, at noon.
New York	Emily F. Whitney	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
New York	Torridale	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
New York	John R. Kelly	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Coptic (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Dec. 26, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	City of Rio de Janeiro (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Jan. 4, at noon.
San Francisco	Brodick Castle	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Kulgan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 23, at noon.
Shanghai	Esang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Dec. 23, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Peshawur (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 30.
Shanghai, via Swatow	Fooksang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
S'hai, Jinsin & N'saki	Yamashiro Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 23, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, Kobé & Y'ma	Merionethshire (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About Dec. 28.
S'hai, N'ki, K'bé & Y'ma	Palawan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 28.
S'pore, Penang & C'tta	Kutsang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Dec. 24, at 3 p.m.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Namoa (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 22, daylight.
Swatow and Chefoo	Tamsui (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 27.
Swatow and Singapore	Nanchang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 25.
Vancouver (B.C.), &	Empress of Japan (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Dec. 25, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.), &c.	Hankow (s)	Nor. P'fic S. & R. Cos.	Dec. 24, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.), &c.	Altmore (s)	Shewan & Co.	December 27.

To-day's Advertisements.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.



The Steamship
Kulgan,
Capt. OUTERBRIDGE, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 23rd Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Agents.

Hongkong, December 21, 1895. 2413

FOR SHANGHAI, JINSIN AND NAGASAKI.



The Steamship
Yamashiro Maru,
Capt. J. B. MACMILLAN, will be despatched as above at 4 p.m. on MONDAY, the 23rd Instant, instead of as previously advertised.

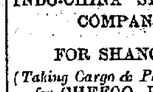
For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, December 21, 1895. 2397

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, HANKOW *and Ports on the* YANGTSZE.)



The Co.'s Steamship
Esang,
Capt. W. O. M. YOUNG, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 23rd Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 21, 1895. 2411

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).



The Co.'s Steamship
Zafiro,
Captain COBBAN, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 24th Instant, at Noon.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 21, 1895. 2416

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.



The Steamship
Memnon,
Captain BRANCH, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 25th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 21, 1895. 2414

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

JOHN BAZELEY, Amer. barquentine, Capt. F. P. Shepherd.—Captain.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 20:—

Memnon, British str., 825, B. Branch, Sandakan; B.N.B., December 14, 10 p.m., Timber and General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

December 21:—

Esang, British steamer, from Canton.

Sultan, Norwegian steamer, 1,351, L. B. Rafen, Bangkok December 11, Rice and Timber.—MELCHERS & Co.

Paoting, British steamer, 1,088, T. Gyles, Wuhu and Chinkiang December 16, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Fu-ping, Chinese steamer, 1,056, Th. Lehmann, Shanghai December 16, General.—CARLOWITZ & Co.

Zafiro, British steamer, 676, J. C. Gerard, Manila Dec. 18, General.—SHEWAN & Co.

Hankow, British steamer, 3,594, Orr, Tacoma and Yokohama December 7, General.—DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.

CLEARED.

Namoa, for Swatow.
Jacob Christensen, for Saigon.
Wing Hang, for Swatow.
Manchuria, for Bangkok.

DEPARTURES.

December 21:—

Foyle, for Canton.
Glenesk, for Shanghai.
Chihli, for Shanghai.
Paoting, for Canton.
Fu-ping, for Canton.
Hongkong, for Haiphong.
Erato, for Singapore and Hamburg.
Albingia, for Amoy.
Afghan, for Shanghai.
Tigris, for Chinkiang.
Tsinan, for Port Darwin and Sydney.
Sachsen, for Shanghai.
Hohenzollern, for Yokohama.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Memnon*, from Sandakan, Mr F. Woods, and 50 Chinese.
Per *Sultan*, from Bangkok, 35 Chinese.
Per *Paoting*, from Wuhu, 3 Chinese.
Per *Fu-ping*, from Shanghai, 12 Chinese.
Per *Zafiro*, from Manila, 29 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Tsinan*, from Hongkong: for Townsville, Mr W. P. Musson; for Sydney, Mr F. Harris; for Melbourne, Mr R. Crawford Pudney. From Foochow: for Sydney, Mr and Mrs Ramsay and family.
Per *Hongkong*, for Haiphong, 50 Chinese.
Per *Erato*, for Singapore, 12 Chinese.
Per *Albingia*, for Amoy, 332 Chinese.
Per *Sachsen*, for Shanghai: from Genoa, Messrs M. Rohde, G. Buschert, A. Ou Ewing, A. Kerchner, A. Kraemer and K. Weinrich; from Southampton, Mrs Walker, Rev. E. A. Clayton, Mr H. Forester, Rev. E. J. P. Schole, and Mrs Cromarty; from Singapore, 1 Chinese; from Hongkong, Mr G. Selvestri, Consul Dr Stuebel, Mr B. Alderige, Mr and Mrs O. Hadenfeldt, Dr A. Auspecisky, Mr G. C. Fullerton, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Ratzel, and Miss Ratzel, and 5 Chinese.
Per *Hohenzollern*, for Yokohama: from Southampton, Mrs Matthews, Messrs H. Raymont, N. Yamamoto; from Genoa, Mr G. Wydenbuck, Messrs G. Reichert, B. Aaventhol and A. Wohlgemuth; from Naples, Messrs C. Illies and Son Wa; from Colombo, Mr Engeborene; from Hongkong, Messrs C. Nielsen, W. Krumme, A. Koebele, Zutler, and 13 Chinese. For Hiogo: from Southampton, Rev. H. Foss, Miss Pepper, Mr G. S. Boyle; from Bremen, Mr A. Mason; from Antwerp, Mr J. Blaesser; from Hongkong 1 Chinese. From Hongkong: for Nagasaki, Mr N. Petroff, Miss D. Boeddinghaus.

TO DEPART.

Per *Namoa*, for Swatow, 1 European, and 200 Chinese.
Per *Jacob Christensen*, for Saigon, 230 Chinese.
Per *Wing Hang*, for Swatow, 150 Chinese.
Per *Mackew*, for Swatow, 10 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Memnon* reports: Had strong N.E. monsoon and heavy sea. On December 18th, in latitude 17° N., long. 119° E., encountered a furious gale from N.E. with very high sea. Ship hove to from 2 to 6 p.m.; from thence to port, wind and sea gradually moderating.

The British steamer *Paoting* reports: Moderate Northerly winds and fine weather throughout. Calm towards the end of the passage.

The Chinese steamer *Fu-ping* reports: Had fine weather and smooth sea throughout.

The British steamer *Zafiro* reports: Had fresh N.E. winds, with high Northerly swell to Pratas Shoal; thence to port, light Northerly wind and fine clear weather.

EXPORT CARGOES.

Per s. s. *Ulysses*, sailed on 13th December:—For London, 800 casks Preserves, 1,029 boxes Tea, containing 21,609 lbs. Congou, 2,014 boxes Tea, containing 42,294 lbs. Scented Caper, 99 boxes Tea, containing 2,079 lbs. Scented Orange Pekoe, 51 boxes Tea, containing 651 lbs. Sorts, 500 cases Ginger, 166 cases Ginger, 632 bales Hemp, 150 bales Waste Silk, 200 bales Pierced Cocoons, 12 bales Tobacco, 55 bales Canes, 765 rolls Mats, 51 cases Cigars, 8 cases Bristles, 347 bags Gum, 61 pkgs. Mineral Ore, 37 baskets Shells, and 26 pkgs. Sundries; for London and/or New York, 20 cases Bristles; for Manchester, 50 bales Waste Silk; for Liverpool, 8,600 bales Hemp, 3 pkgs. Sundries; for Glasgow, 1 case Cigars; for Hamburg, 8 cases Cigars.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For BANGKOK.—
Per *Machew*, at 8.30 a.m., on Sunday, the 22nd inst.

For CANTON.—
Per *Power*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 22nd inst.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Kulgan*, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 23rd inst.
Per *Esang*, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, the 23rd inst.

For SHANGHAI, JINSEN & NAGASAKI.—
Per *Yamashiro Maru*, at 1.30 p.m., on Monday, the 23rd inst.

For SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, WASH.—
Per *Hankow*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 24th inst.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Namoa* leaves for Coast Ports.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Shipping.

Noon.—*Kulgan* leaves for Shanghai.
4 p.m.—*Esang* leaves for Shanghai.
4 p.m.—*Yamashiro Maru* leaves for Shanghai, &c.

Auctions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Sundries at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s.
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Tung Lo Wan (Causeway Bay).
4 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Wongnai-chong Village.

Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, December 21, 1895.

On London—	
Bank, Wire, ...	2/1⅛
,, On demand, ...	2/1⅛
,, 30 days' sight, ...	—
,, 4 months' sight, ...	2/1⅜
Credits, 4 ,, ...	2/1⅝
Documentary, 4 months' sight, ...	2/1⅜
On Paris—	
On demand, ...	2.69
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	2.75
On Berlin—Demand, ...	2.16
On New York—	
On demand, ...	52
Credits, 60 days' sight, ...	53½
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	184
On demand, ...	184½
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	184
On demand, ...	184½
On Shanghai—	
On demand, ...	72⅝
30 days' sight, private paper	73⅜
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	$48.00
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	—
Silver (per oz.)	30½d.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—Parade Service at 8.30 A.M. (Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays.) Matins at 11. Holy Communion at the 11 o'clock service on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays in the month. Evensong at 5.45. Evening Service by Naval and Military Chaplains at 7.30.

UNION CHURCH, Kennedy Road.—Minister, Rev. G. J. Williams.—Services at 11.00 A.M. and 6 P.M.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.—Sundays and Festival Days of Obligation—Mass, 6 A.M., 7.30 A.M. and 9.30 A.M. Week Days—Mass, 6 A.M. and 7.30 A.M. Benediction, on Jan., Feb., Nov., Dec., 5 P.M.; March, April, Sept., Oct., 5.30; May, June, July, Aug., 6.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL (Garden Road).—Mass, with Sermon in English, at 9. A.M. on Sundays and Festival Days of Obligation.

ST. FRANCIS' CHURCH (Wanchai).—6 A.M., Mass, with Sermon in Chinese. 7.30 A.M., Mass, with Sermon in Portuguese. Benediction, 5 P.M.

ST. ANTHONY CHAPEL (West Point).—Sundays, Mass and Benediction at 8 A.M. Feast of Obligation, 7.30 A.M.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH, Sailors' Home.—Service on Sunday, at 11 A.M. and 6.30 P.M. The Holy Communion is administered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month at 11 A.M.; on the 2nd and 5th at 7.30 A.M.; and on the 4th, at the Evening Service.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.—Chaplain, Rev. Wm. Musson.—Divine Service at 10.30 A.M. and 6 P.M. in the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai.

GERMAN BETHESDA CHAPEL.—Service in the German language by Pastor R. F. F. Gottschalk every Sunday, at 11 A.M., in the Chapel of the Berlin Foundling House, West Point.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1895.

'I BELIEVE in the British Empire.' This is Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's creed, as expounded by himself at a recent assemblage in the Imperial Institute. 'I believe in the British Empire, and in the second place I believe in the British race. I believe that the British race is the greatest of governing races that the world has ever seen; and I say that, not merely as an empty boast, but as proved and evidenced by the success which we have had in administering the vast dominions connected with these three small islands, and I believe there are no limits to its influence in the future.' The new Secretary of State is nothing if not thorough, and the above-quoted utterances are characteristic of the man. His incisive enunciation of his creed will strike a responsive chord in the average Britisher, however cynical. The British are a great race. The British Empire is a great empire. The British race has proved itself to be the greatest of governing races, and it is perhaps as well to remind British communities of this, and foreign countries, too, in an age which too often sees British prestige dragged in the dust by 'great parliamentarians.' But although every British subject will agree with Mr Chamberlain's general proposition, it will be admitted that in the details of government there is much that lends itself to criticism, and that nowhere more readily than in the administration of the Crown Colonies. Were it not for the submission to those in authority which is one of the inherent qualities of the British character, the government of many of the Colonies could be made impossible; and, therefore, while we join in the paean of praise for the governing classes in general we think it would be unfair to overlook the peaceful but powerful influences set in motion by the British trader to the ultimate benefit of the Empire. Our greatness is not due to the Government and the governing class, so much as it is in spite of them. Mr Joseph Chamberlain has not been long at the head of the Colonial Department, and yet in that brief period he has discovered, what we discovered long ago, that incompetent men are sent out to the Colonies to fill important lucrative appointments. We are glad the new Secretary of State has made this discovery. It gives us hope that he will discover that there is just ground for the dissatisfaction which exists in some Colonies, particularly in the Crown Colonies, on account of square pegs being sent out to fill round holes. Many of the Crown Colonies suffer from officialism. Hongkong has had its sad experiences, and at the present moment suffers from the perversity and lack of judgment and lack of consideration of some present and former officials. For this we do not blame the officials merely. A heavy debt lies at the door of the Colonial Office and of the higher officials who have from time to time presided over its destinies. Lord Rosebery was in the habit of pulling aside the curtain of secrecy which screened the internal workings of the Foreign Office from the vulgar gaze, and Mr Chamberlain, somewhat similarly, recently gave us a peep behind the scenes at the Colonial Office. He was speaking of the selection of Governors for the Colonies, but took the opportunity of warning off the hordes of needy relatives of 'great men' and other incompetents, who, having no merit to recommend them, throw themselves upon the patronage of the members of the Imperial Government. To one who owes his own success in life to personal merit and steady application to the drudgeries of common life, the notion of saddling the colonial communities with incompetents is naturally abhorrent. Mr Chamberlain took the first opportunity of stating that he disliked excessively the impression that appeared to exist in a certain portion of the public that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has always in his gift a number of eligible and lucrative appointments which are at the disposal of anyone who has failed in other walks of life. Whenever a new Administration came into power he was afraid there were many expectations of this kind which were doomed to disappointment, for only in a very few cases could patronage be exercised without injury to the public service. With the slight experience he has had of the Colonial Office he says 'I have come to the conclusion that a large portion of my time will in future be devoted to explaining to a number of estimable gentlemen why it is absolutely impossible for me to appoint nine-tenths of them to positions in the colonies, and another large portion will be taken up in explaining to the tenth who are successful that I cannot immediately remove them to more favourable situations and to healthier climates.' This is a paradoxical commentary to come from the Mr. Chamberlain who believes that 'the British race is the greatest of governing races that the world has ever seen,' but it only confirms us in the opinion that there is a great deal of human nature in the average official, the average unit of the governing classes. The moral of it all is that we trust the new Secretary of State, whose ability we estimate highly, military contribution despatches notwithstanding, will exercise the knowledge he has acquired of the internal operations of the Colonial Office to protect the Crown Colonies from the blundering methods of incompetent officials, and, if possible, to prevent the appointment of men who have no qualifications whatever for assuming the responsibilities of administrative or executive offices in the Colonies.

Owing to increase of Business, W. Robinson and Co. have removed their Piano and Organ showrooms to Connaught House—rags stock—low prices.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Natal*, with the FRENCH MAIL of 23rd November, left Singapore on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 25th inst. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on October 18.

The N. Y. K. Chartered steamer *Arroyo*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 13th instant, and is due here on or about the 21st instant.

ORDER OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT. DECEMBER 22.

11 a.m.—Matins:—Venite, Dyce; Psalms, Crotch; Benedicite, 121, Winchester; Jubilate, Hayes; Anthem, 122, 'Send out Thy Light;' Litany, Hymn, 50; Offertory Hymn, 49.

Evensong:—Psalms, Russell, Smart, Goodenough; Magnificat, Battishill; Nunc Dimittis, 127, King in F; Anthem, 21, 'I will lift up mine eyes;' Hymns, 479, 203.

UNION CHURCH.—DEC. 22.

11 a.m.:—Voluntary Pastorale, Handel; Hymn, No. 35, Mendelssohn; Hymn, No. 39 (Adeste Fidelis), Reading; Hymn, No. 42 (Winchester Old), Este's Psalter, 1592; Recit. 'Comfort ye, my people,' Handel's *Messiah*; Anthem, 'Arise, shine, for thy light is come,' Elvey; Voluntary, 'Hallelujah Chorus,' Handel,

6 p.m.:—Hymn, No. 31 (Dix), Kocher; Hymn, No. 33 (Gordon), Smart; Hymn, No. 36 (Noel), Sullivan; Hymn, No. 40 (Holy Nativity), Falconer; Anthem, No. 17 'Jesu, word of God,' Gounod.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH (WANCHAI). DECEMBER 22.

10.30:—Hymns, 645, 667, 356, 358.

6 P.M.:—Hymns, 314, 319, 381, 391; Psalms, CVII-CVIII.

The s.s. *Merionethshire* left Singapore for this port yesterday.

The China Mutual s. s. *Ningchow*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port this afternoon.

The N. G. I. s.s. *Letimbro* left Singapore yesterday for this port, and may be expected here on or about the 27th inst.

As the tram will not run on Monday there will be only one Peak delivery of letters on that day. Letters can be posted at the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m.

At the Magistracy to-day, before Mr. Sercombe Smith, a Chinese boy who had left Capt. Lewin's service without notice and taken employment on the *Victor Emanuel* was fined $5, with the usual alternative.

VESSELS IN THE DOCKS:—At *Kowloon*—H. I. G. M. S. Irene, Reina Cristina, Hankow, Amoy, Oslo, Lokin, Amy Turner, Kong Beng, Lennox, Strathdee.

Cosmopolitan—Belgic.

Aberdeen—Triumph.

On Monday afternoon, in the Happy Valley, the Hongkong Football Club will play the Garrison under Rugby rules. Club in usual colours, Garrison in white. Kick-off at 4.30. Referee—Mr W. C. Morcom, R.N. The Club colours will be provided on the field.

On Sunday morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam-launch *Dayspring*, carrying the Bethel flag, will call alongside any vessel hoisting the answering pennant, to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's (Seamen's) Church, returning about 12.30.

The Sun Insurance Office (Hongkong Agents, Messrs Siemssen & Co.) have issued a neat calendar for 1895, in quieter tints than those which have usually characterised the 'Sun' calendars.

In his weekly share report published this afternoon, Mr Erich Georg reports:—The market has been a little more active during the past week, and fairly large transactions have taken place in Bank shares, Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steam Boats, Douglases, and Indo-Chinas, while in other stocks the business has been less important. Rates, with the exception of Bank shares and Mining stocks, close steady, and partly with an upward tendency.

Some time ago, when H.M.S. *Dart* was making a cruise among the Solomon Islands, one of the marines caught a shark, which, when hauled on board, was found to contain a sheepskin (thrown over from the *Dart* two days before), two fish, each 5 feet long, nine crabs, a quantity of tortoise shell, 'soup and bouilli' tins, and two sheets of brown paper. The shark measured 14 ft. long, and 6 ft. in girth.

The *Independance Tonkinoise* says 'In France, and even more in other countries, the importance of the acquisition of Madagascar is fully realised, for all the European powers understand that whoever gets a footing there will command the whole of the Indian Ocean and the whole East African coast, and will there make its wishes to be the supreme law some day.' As the old song says, 'Some day—some day! Though I know not when, nor how, nor why, nor whether, nor whence.

The Honorary Treasurer, 'Edgar' Relief Fund, begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations:—

Mr F. T. Richards	$ 10
Mr A. Findlay Smith	10
A. Est.	10
V. A. C. H.	5
Mr B. Layton	5
Mr G. Stewart	5
H. N.	5
A. Parsee	3
Capt. J. T. Sterling	2
M.	2
	$ 56
Brought forward	453
Total up to date	$ 509

THE services in the Churches to-morrow will have special reference to Christmas.

THE Oregon liner *Rhesina* took 40,559 lbs. of tea from Kobe for Chicago.

THE *Japan Herald* hears that Captain Walker of the O. & O. *Belgic* has been ordered home by the owners.

THIRTY-eight steamers sold to Japan within the past twelve months (32 being British) realised 8,802,540 yen.

FOR the first time in many years H. B. M.'s Consular gaol in Yokohama was left tenantless on the 5th inst.

THERE will be a Children's Carol Service to-morrow afternoon in Union Church commencing at 3.30. The address will be given by the Rev. G. J. Williams.

AT the Regular Meeting of the Victoria Preceptory held last night Sir Knight J. Kirkwood was elected E. P. for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight F. W. Watts was elected Treasurer.

WE read in a Colombo contemporary that Sir John Winfield Bonser (Chief Justice of Ceylon) was offered but declined the office of Chief Justice of Jamaica accepted by Sir Fielding Clarke.

THE P. M. s.s. *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, will leave Yokohama for this port, via Nagasaki, on the morning of the 22nd instant, instead of the date previously advised.

JAPANESE exports to India, says a vernacular exchange, especially matches, soap, glass, and curios, are increasing every month. Samples of timber have been sent in the hope of opening a new line of business.

THE French commercial mission, which arrived in Tonkin last month on its way to China, is constituted as follows—M. Rocher of the consular service, president; M. Brenier, secretary-general of the mission; Dr Deblenne, of the navy; M. R. Antoine representing silk dealers and filatures; M. P. Duclos, mining expert; M. C. Metral, silk manufacturer; M. A. Perre, civil engineer detailed to study specially (*inter alia*) the navigation of the Red River; M. L. Soulfort, representing miscellaneous interests. These gentlemen have been selected from among the most distinguished graduates of the technical colleagues in the Lyons district, commercial, mining, textile, &c., and have a wide general knowledge and practical experience. Besides these there are MM. A. Grosjean, L. Rahaud, A. Vial, A. Raelen, and J. Riault, from Marseilles, Bordeaux, Lille, Roubaix, and Roanne respectively. Their duties are clearly set forth, on the following lines—first, to study on the spot, not only from the Lyonnais point of view but from the standpoint of French commerce as a whole, the natural products, industries, commerce, resources, and requirements of the richest and most populous provinces of central and southern China, especially Yunnan, Szechuen and Kweichow; to collect the greatest possible amount of accurate, detailed information, on a practical basis, tending to enable France to develop her trade. 'These provinces,' adds a Tonkin paper, 'constitute geographically and economically the prolongation of our possessions in Indo-China; and second in importance among the objects of the mission is to find out whether it is possible, by means of the Red River and the land routes converging on Chungking, to divert into the Tonkin route some part of the immense traffic which now follows the course of the Yangtse and makes Shanghai one of the greatest ports of the world.'

A JAPANESE contemporary states that there are at present thirty 'shipbuilding' yards in Osaka, but not more than a dozen of these are of sufficiently large dimensions to warrant designation as shipbuilding establishments. An idea of the extent of the work done may be gathered from the following figures which we take from the *Japan Advertiser*:—During last year, 36 vessels were either built or reconstructed—34 steamers and 2 sailing ships, including 32 wooden and 4 steel vessels. Their aggregate gross tonnage was 3,432, their aggregate horse-power 3,039, and they cost 407,300 yen. This showed an increase since 1893 of six in the number of vessels built, but a decrease of 766 tons in the tonnage, yet an increase of 66,565 yen in the cost, compared with the work done in 1893, when many steamers for service in the north sea were built, including eight or nine large ones with an average tonnage of over 200. Last year, all vessels built were under 150 tons and many were mere steam launches for towing purposes, the demand for which was very great in consequence of the activity of the towing business in the Kwansai provinces. The business has continued to increase this year in all the establishments, and already 52 vessels have been completed, while two are in course of construction. Of this number with the exception of six, which were made at the Osaka Tekkojo to the order of the Naval Department, all were above 100 tons, including three craft of 270, 227 and 218 tons respectively. None of the existing establishments can, with their present space and appliances, accommodate, construct or repair a vessel of over 500 tons. This circumstance is in a manner attributable to the absence of any suitable site for a large shipbuilding dock. It is hopeless, however, to expect that a really large dock will ever be constructed in Osaka, because there is no solid supporting strata under the soft soil. In that vicinity, and it would therefore be impossible to construct ships of heavy tonnage there.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

REGATTA DINNER.

A dinner limited to those taking part in the Regatta was held in the V. R. C. Gymnasium on Tuesday night, the first since 1890 (held in the Hongkong Hotel). Owing to the climatic influences Mr W. H. Potts, who was to have presided, was prevented at the last minute from attending, and in his stead Mr E. D. Sanders took the chair.

Forty members sat down to a dinner served by Mr Hurley, of the Grill Room, and although some fault was found at the delay with which one course followed the other (chiefly due to this being the first dinner of its kind held on the Club Premises) it was a decided success. The following toasts were drunk:—

The Queen.
The V. R. C.
The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.
The Winners of the International.
Do. Chairman's Cup.
Do. Chinese Cup.
Do. Griffins' Cup.
Do. Ladies' Prize.

Mr Sanders, in proposing the toast of the Scotch crew, winners of the International race, said he did so with great pleasure. He had, however, to bear in mind that it would have been a greater pleasure to him had the Irish crew won, but as one of his own mess was in the Scotch crew he would sooner see them win than any other when he could not himself.

The stroke of the Scotch four being a shy man, Mr Mollison responded to the toast, acknowledging the congratulations of the members with becoming humility.

Mr Grimes, who had himself to respond on behalf of the Chairman's Cup and Ladies' Prize crews, proposed the health of the Bank four, who won the Professions race.

Mr Sanders responded in fitting terms.

A very pleasant evening was spent with song and sentiment.

HOCKEY.

CLUB v. MAXIM GUN CO.

This match was played yesterday, and resulted in an easy victory for the Club by 5 goals to 1. The Maxims were without their best man (Firth), who was unable to turn up, and their half backs were very weak. Perhaps they have not got over the 'Camp' yet! The Club were very strong, and played a fine combination game. Hughes and Sheldon were conspicuous by their combined and fast play, and Thompson's defence at back was very good. Maitland was invaluable for defending the Maxims' territory, and had he not been so feebly supported by the other backs the result of the game would have been quite different. Cameron put in a lot of work, but he was all over the field and seldom in his proper place. On account of the men not turning up at the proper time the game was finished in the dark as *usual*. We would take this opportunity of drawing the attention of the Wong-nai-Chong Committee to the fact that two large holes have been made on the Hockey Ground evidently with a view of fixing football posts thereon. These holes were partly covered over with two large pieces of earthenware. As it was too dangerous to leave them there they were removed, and the players had to run the risk of getting their ankles twisted and otherwise damaged. We trust that the Committee will remedy this serious defect as soon as possible.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG C.C. v. PEAK CLUB.

This match was played at the Cricket Ground this afternoon in charming weather, and before a large turn-out of spectators. During the afternoon, selections of music were played by the band of the Hongkong Regiment.

The following are the scores:—

PEAK CLUB.

L. Saunderson, b Smith	44
W. M. Greenfield, c sub., b Vallings	10
S. E. Holland, c Sheldon, b Smith	15
A. S. Anton, st. Ezekiel, b Vallings	41
Capt. Ferguson, b Smith	7
J. A. Lowson, b Vallings	6
Capt. Eccles, c Sheldon, b Vallings	2
J. R. Gillingham, b Smith	5
Surg. Maj. Westcott, c & b Vallings	3
P. G. Davies, b Smith	0
Major Moore, not out	8
Extras	8
Total	149

HONGKONG C. C.

F. Maitland, c Holland, b Gillingham	13
G. D. Campbell, H.K.R., not out	115
Rev. G. E. Vallings, c Westcott, b Davies	18
Capt. Grafton, c Holland, b Saunderson	129
Capt. Baker-Carr, R. H. not out	14
Extras	19
Total	308

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

PEAK CLUB.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Vallings	19·2	2	58	5
Baker-Carr	4	—	29	—
Smith	15	3	53	5

HONGKONG C.C.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lowson	20	4	54	—
Gillingham	14	7	39	1
Davies	13	—	57	1
Greenfield	10	2	23	—
Saunderson	11	1	42	1
Eccles	4	1	20	—
Anton	3	1	13	—
Ferguson	7	—	22	—
Holland	3	1	7	—

Greenfield and Saunderson each bowled one wide.

BY the end of next year the Japanese Government will have built eight new lighthouses on the Formosan coast. Work has already commenced on three of this number at points along the coast of Kagoshima-ken. Three others will be stationed in Okinawa-ken, and the other two in Formosa itself between Kelung and Tamsui.

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'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR

That although our local politics are getting swamped for the present by the festivities of the season, a very strong feeling still exists over last meeting of Council.

That the meeting would, it is suggested, make a good subject for a grand Xmas Pantomime, which might be entitled 'Rubbing it in: or Harlequin Silverhead, the Magical Despatch, the Enchanted Officials and the Piper that played (the wrong tune) before Moses.'

That I really think the proceedings furnished an admirable illustration of the adage, Speech is silver, silence is golden.

That His Excellency displayed great knowledge of matters military in his strict obedience of orders and his thorough comprehension of the strategical and tactical manœuvres of 'right about three-quarters face.'

Sure they taught him to exercise, Fall by degrees, Wheel about, Eyes front, Shoulder arms, Stand at ease!

That it was 'real mean' of the Colonial Secretary to try to chalk out Mr McConachie in the way he did, although the attempt failed and the Hon. Member got in his well-cut facts and figures squarely enough, while ne'er an official had a word to say in reply.

That Mr Chater's pulverisation of the so-called Chamberlain despatch was completely effective.

That Dr Ho Kai did good service by his clear and lucid statement of the case for the Colony, and he is right in saying we have entrusted too much to Government.

That we entrusted the Plague medals too much to officials, and they distributed them among themselves pretty freely in the orthodox Colonial Office fashion.

That, after his long study of the Chinese Classics, the vigorous Colonial Secretary should be a master of Logic by this time, and if he would try to give logical replies to unofficial queries, instead of trying to hector in approved Celestial style, he would enhance his reputation, though I fear the community will never forget the incident of the Masterly Memorandum.

That ingratitude has come to be looked upon now as a virtue in local politics.

That the D. P. W. is an adept in the art of obstruction, an art which the Government has raised to the rank of a new science and has provided prizes for worthy professors.

That there must surely be a clerical error in the estimate for the new Peak Road, and I should like to get the contract at the figure given (with power to sublet), if experts are anything near the mark.

That Ahkum and Ahsee were once telegraph clerks, and one day Ahkum rapped out to his boss (inside) à la Morse, 'Master, Foreign lokang say so housee too muchee stinkee;' 'Say no got water, how can?' came the answer from the master's ruler, in taps. 'Wather, ist wather ye want, ye spalpeen,' came the reply floating along the corridor in the soft southern tone that hails from Blarney, 'sure and there's lashings of water in the say; its reported you'll be, ye lazybones.'

That poor Ahkum was heard murmuring 'Ah, see, ah, see, ah!' he may have been referring to his brother; but what a gem that official would be as Water Authority!

That

Though Whitehead's defeated we'll never say dee,
Gin they list na to reason
We'll mak kail for auld C.;
Vide May on Sharp Practice, we'll e'en let it be;
They hae nae heard the last o' this Rock in the Sea.

That the Justices' Member is evidently a believer in the old saying, 'least said soonest mended.'

That I have been waiting to hear his undoubtedly powerful and able voice raised on behalf of the Justices of the Peace and the Colony, but hope deferred maketh the heart sick.

Geordie, my man, what's in the muckle tree?
His answered Minna's feyther.
Hoots, Geordie, they are Irresponsible Chatterers.
Pit them out.

That I ought to call the serious attention of leading men in the community (too large a list to give at length!) to the three things in which the Unofficials should be backed by combined public action of some sort—viz., the Military Contribution, the treatment of the Sanitary Board, and the Petition for extension of popular representation.

That an 'irresponsible chatterer' tells me that the Home Government has decided to place two Unofficial Members on the Executive Council, and it is now an amusing game to try and guess the two names.

That the news which bursts upon the Colony a day or two since that President Cleveland or Senator Chandler was to take Guiana or Canada, whichever suited them best, created a great sensation.

That I candidly admit the sensation savoured more of the comical than otherwise.

That men who have hitherto held President Cleveland in high esteem do not quite know what to think of his last move.

That few sane men will pay much heed to the ravings of Chandler, although a free and enlightened Republic must give rope to such men, as we have to do in the old country with similar 'cranks.'

That all the same, politicians of the fire-eating order are apt to become a nuisance, and it would be no great loss if they were suppressed.

That it is probably not intentional, but the Colony has been flooded this week with the pungent and rousing leaflets and pamphlets issued by the Navy League—a fact of which Americans and Venezuelans may well take note.

That there can be no question this Navy League movement has done much to concentrate the attention of the British Government upon the necessity of maintaining and increasing the strength and efficiency of the British Navy.

That the command of the sea, the safety of our commerce, etc., are subjects which lie at the very root of the greatness of the British Empire.

That upon this ground the existence of the Navy League is a good thing, and the work which is now being done by that body is undoubtedly a good work.

That all the same, I have a notion that it is not quite the thing to exaggerate the defects in our naval system as if we were allowing everything to 'go to the dogs' generally.

That it may have been necessary a few years ago to rouse the attention of the country to our naval strength or weakness, but much has been done during the last few years, and the Government in power knows its duty and does it.

That I believe the proposal to subdivide the shares of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. has not been received with favour by the shareholders, so far as replies received are concerned.

That further time must be given ere the Board arrive at any decision, but the rejection of the sub-division scheme may almost be looked upon as certain.

That as Xmas turkeys are strutting around and plum-puddings are scenting the air, I am reminded of a duty, and I therefore wish everyone a 'Merry Xmas.'

BROWNIE.

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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, December 19, 1895.

THE VENEZUELAN QUESTION.

The U. S. Senate, on a motion moved by Senator Morgan, supported by Senator Sherman, has decided to refer the Venezuela Delimitation Commission to the Foreign Committee. Both Senators supported President Cleveland, but deprecated hasty action in the matter.

CANADA AND THE VENEZUELAN QUESTION.

The Canadian Press applauds Lord Salisbury, and urges the Government to look to its defences.

(*El Comercio.*)

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO THE PRINCE OF WALES.

MADRID, December 13.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has met with a serious accident while out shooting. His right eye is severely burned, and he is suffering intense pain. It is feared that he will lose the sight of the eye.

MANILA NOTES.

(*From Our Own Correspondent.*)

Manila, December 18.

STRANDING OF AN AMERICAN SHIP.

On Sunday evening, 15th inst., the American ship *Ivy* (Captain Lowell) went ashore on a coral reef whilst on a voyage from Manila to Cebu in ballast. The point at which she stranded is 20 miles south of Fortune Island, or 60 miles south of Manila. The weather at the time was moderate. At first it was expected that she would become a total wreck; but the marine surveyors who proceeded from Manila to the scene of the accident report that it may be possible to get the vessel afloat if the weather remains favourable. Consequently, the C. M. steamer *Saturnus* has sailed for the wreck to endeavour to tow her off her present perilous position.

The *Ivy* was built in 1876 by C. V. Minott at Bath, Maine, U.S.A. Her owner is Mr C. V. Minott, Phippsbury, Maine. She has a net tonnage of 1181 tons. She arrived at Manila from Newcastle, N.S.W., with a cargo of coal, and, after discharging, was proceeding in ballast (300 tons) to Cebu to load hemp.

I believe she is insured with a New York board of underwriters.

VISIT OF ADMIRAL BULLER.

H.M. despatch boat *Alacrity* arrived here at daylight to-day, and is expected to remain for a couple of days. Admiral Buller is on board. The usual salute was given on entering the bay.

CHANGE OF PHILIPPINE POSTAGE.

I take following from the Manila *Gazette* of the 17th inst.:—'As the circulation of all Government stamped documents, such as stamped papers and postage stamps, will terminate on 1st January 1896, notice is hereby given to all societies and merchants, so as not to injure their interests, that all said documents, etc., will be exchanged in the Government *Tercena* for the new issue of 1896 and 1897 up to 31st January next.'

THE VISIT OF THE *REDPOLE* TO BORNEO.

The *British N. B. Herald* of the 1st December contains the following paragraphs:—

H. M. S. *Redpole* left on the 16th ultimo for Darvel Bay. During her visit Commander Grafton was a guest of H. E. the Governor. On the 13th the usual 'At Home' at Government House was somewhat marred by rain, which however did not absolutely stop the tennis, and in the evening there was an official dinner, followed by a dance. A ride in the direction of Kabun China was arranged for the 15th and in spite of the wet night preceding there was a tolerable muster. The only casualties reported were the upsetting of one of the heavy weights through a rotten culvert, and shortly after starting, the mysterious disappearance of a naval officer who was riding that ancient and well known pony *Jock*, but who afterwards returned to the ship intact, having missed the road.

On the 13th a party of the officers visited the Byte coffee estate with Mr Fryer.

The visit of the *Redpole* to Darvel Bay came at a time when it would have an excellent effect. Nakib Jani, who was wanted to answer a charge of murder, had taken refuge in Gosong Malants, the people of which place were reported by Maharaja Alani to be determined to resist his arrest. Mr Dunlop, who accompanied the *Redpole* as far as Tawao and back, sent Alani once more to make the arrest, as the people were aware of the visit of the gunboat. On return from Tawao the *Redpole* went to Gosong Malants, and found that Alani had taken his prisoner to Simporna, and that he had not attempted his arrest before as he reported. At Simporna, Alani said he had been to Gosong Malants but had been unable to effect the arrest. He was therefore taken on to Silam, where he will remain until matters are cleared up.

TO-DAY, for the first time in the history of exchange quotations in Yokohama, says the *Japan Gazette* of the 4th inst. the brokers are quoting at a sixteenth. This has never before been general. Occasionally brokers have given such a quotation, but that was an exception. To-day and henceforth rates are and will be quoted at sixteenths. It was not many years ago when one Yokohama celebrity despised an eighth. But times have changed. The *yen* is only quoted at about one-half of its former value and a sixteenth difference in the rate is an important item. Competition and fall of silver, or, as the bimetallists say, the appreciation of gold, have worked many curious changes.

THE story of the Scotch now that caught a golf ball with her tail serves to prove that the Scotch cow is not half so useful or intelligent or amiable as the Indian animal of the same name. The other morning a Bombay golfer approaching the second hole struck his ball straight as a die, but just a leetle too hard. Spinning across the green, it rolled against the near hind heel of a bridled cow. Before the ball had ceased rolling the sportive animal kicked out, gave the ball precisely the required touch at thirty clubs length—and holed it. This, says the *Bombay Gazette*, can be vouched for.

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following Report will be presented to shareholders at the ninth ordinary yearly meeting, to be held at Telegraph House, No. 17, Queen's Road Central, on Friday, the 27th December, at noon:—

The directors herewith present to the shareholders a statement of the Company's accounts for the year ended 30th November, 1895.

The profit for the year, after writing off $7,868.54 for depreciation and $1,009 for Directors' fees, is $10,024.25, from which it is proposed that a dividend at the rate of 10% per annum be paid, leaving $24.25 to be carried forward.

The herd of cattle is in excellent health and condition.

Directors.—Mr J. M. E. Machado has resigned his seat. Mr S. G. Bird has been invited to join the Board and his election requires confirmation by this Meeting. Capt. Burnie and Dr Noble retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

Auditor.—The annexed accounts have been audited by Mr Henderson, who offers himself for election for the current year.

GRANVILLE SHARP, *Chairman.*

THE CASE OF THE 'FLINTSHIRE.'

GROSS INDIGNITIES TO THE CAPTAIN.

Touching the extraordinary proceedings of the Saigon authorities in the accusation against the master of the *Flintshire*, we reprint from a Singapore contemporary the master's letter to his Consul and his statement for the Consul's information:—

Saigon, December 4th, 1895.

To H.B.M. Consul,

Dear Sir,—I beg to draw your attention to the following statement:—

On Friday, 29th November, at about 10 a.m., while in your office, a police officer handed me a summons charging me with aiding two French soldiers to desert. The Police officer informed me that the Magistrate wished to see me for a few moments. I proceeded with the officer to the Palais de Justice, and, after answering a few questions (say ½ of an hour), was taken to prison. On entering the prison, I was taken into a room and ordered to undress. I protested against the indignity, but was told that I must submit. After undressing I was handed a suit of prison clothes. About 3 p.m., I was taken out of the cell and after dressing, was brought before the Magistrate. After answering a few questions I was ordered back to prison, but, fortunately, you arrived and succeeded in setting me at liberty. The following day I appeared before the magistrate, and was told that my case would be tried on Tuesday, the 3rd. On Tuesday morning I saw the magistrate, and he told me that the trial would not come on till Saturday, 7th December, and as my ship was ready for sea, I have had to remain behind in Saigon. I, therefore, strongly protest against the injustice that has been used towards me. I can honestly declare that I am entirely innocent of the charge brought against me, and therefore, appeal to you for protection.

Your obedient servant,
(Sd.) T. BANNATYNE.
Master, s.s. *Flintshire.*

THE MASTER'S STATEMENT.

S.S. Flintshire, 29th November, 1895.

Re charge of aiding two soldiers to leave Saigon, I beg to make the following statement:—

On Wednesday, 13th November, at about 8.45 a.m., a gentleman came on the bridge and asked if the ship was going to Singapore and when we were going to sail, as he and a friend intended going to Singapore: I told him we were likely to sail on Friday night; at the same time, I told him we had no first class accommodation. I showed him the saloon, pointing out a berth, and asked him if it would suit; he said it would do very well, and asked what the passage would cost. I told him to go to Hale and Co's office as I was not very sure about the rates, as it was my first voyage to Saigon.

On Friday, the 15th, at about 10 a.m., I saw the same gentleman in company with another on the after deck; he said 'this is my friend;' I replied 'that is all right, I will try and make you comfortable on the voyage.' I then went ashore. On returning with the pilot at 5 p.m., I was met at the gangway by an official who handed me a letter and informed me that two soldiers had deserted. After reading the letter I told the officer that if the men were on board I would send them on shore. He said that if I sent them ashore they would be captured, as the police were on the watch for them. Shortly after the police officer left the ship, it occurred to me that the two men I had seen on board were possibly the deserters; I mentioned this to the pilot and asked him to come into the saloon; the men admitted having deserted and begged me to hide them. I asked the pilot to tell them in French to leave the ship at once, and also to tell them that if I found them on board after the ship sailed, I would hand them over to the French Consul in Singapore, and told the 2nd officer to see them off the ship as I had to go on the bridge. About 11 p.m., while the pilot and myself were standing on the forepart of the bridge, a boat came alongside and a man climbed on board; he was at once arrested by the police officer; the man in the boat attempted to get away but the officer called to him to come back and come on board. Shortly afterwards, the two men left in charge of the police. Before leaving, the men asked for a small box which they said was in the ship. I told the police officer to look in the room which they had occupied, where the box was found.

(Sd.) T. BANNATYNE.

THE BRITISH NORTH BORNEO COMPANY.

The London correspondent of the *Times of Ceylon* writes:—The money article of the London *Echo* under the title of 'Stock Exchange Notes and News' is, I believe, written by Mr Raymond Godfrey, once in your island in the employ of the Ceylon Company, Limited. Consequently the comparisons with, and allusions to, Ceylon crop up very frequently in these notes. In a late issue he writes of the British North Borneo Company which, with a capital of £2,000,000 (the same amount as that of the British South Africa Company) and 14 years' existence has paid but one dividend (1890-91) out of the proceeds of land sales. Yet the territory acquired is 31,000 square miles, considerably larger than Ceylon, and this includes land suitable not only for tobacco but also forest available for tea, coffee, or cocoa cultivation. It has Ceylon and Indian planters to draw from as well as Sinhalese and Tamil labour. That so little has been done after an existence of 14 years shows a considerable want of new blood on the board, which consists of Sir R. Alcock, Sir Alfred Dent, Lord Brassey, and Admiral Sir H. Keppel. Could not, it is suggested, some arrangement be made under which the directors received a share of the profits instead of regular fees? To be increased according to profits. That is the cry for the shareholders of the British North Borneo Co. to take up. If the money the directors draw as fees were for a year or two spent in advertising for, and holding out inducements to, adventurous young Britishers to take up even the odd thousand square miles on advantageous terms, it would lead to others coming after and land sales improving.

FACTS ABOUT SNAKES.

'Delos' writes as follows in the Journal of the B. N. B. Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society:—

A question is often put by members of the general public which seems to me to have been unduly ignored by scientists. It is 'Whether some ready means cannot be devised for enabling *anyone* to know a venomous from a non-venomous snake?' I have myself hitherto regarded a satisfactory reply as somewhat problematical, but have spent some time in compiling what may be termed a 'colour chart' of Bornean serpents which I imagine will go some way towards locally meeting the want suggested.

Were not the conditions of life to most people in the Territory such as to render the ready consultation of scientific works almost an impossibility, I should not venture to mention by way of introduction certain facts familiar to regular students of this branch of natural history. I can only hope that those who know as much as, or much more than, myself, will pardon my occupying space in the *Journal* which might be better filled, in consideration of the fact that very considerable ignorance prevails regarding ophidia or snakes in otherwise well-informed circles.

The two great divisions are those of land and water. The former are either ground (including burrowing) snakes, or arboreal. The latter comprise sea and fresh water species. Speaking broadly many arboreal and all burrowing snakes are harmless, earth-crawling snakes *may* be venomous. All sea snakes (which have *flat* tails) are without exception, venomous; fresh water snakes (which does not mean snakes which will take to water) are all harmless. Unfortunately the locality of capture is by no means a safe indication of the habit of the species. I have captured a non-arboreal snake in a bush, while arboreal snakes are killed on the ground by the dozen. On the other hand I have seen a 12-foot hamadryad,—the most venomous Asiatic snake known, being in fact a species of gigantic cobra—in a river, and have found a perfectly harmless snake in the waters of a harbour.

For although there are *almost* certain indications from the teeth marks whether a bite is likely to be venomous or not, even this cannot be relied on as a sure guide. The rule is that the existence of *two punctures only* usually shews that the bite has been inflicted by a venomous snake. But certain species of *Dipsas*, as also of *Lycodon*, which have no poison glands, leave marks similar to those of a cobra. A row, or more accurately a pair of rows, of punctures generally indicates a non-venomous bite, but here again there are exceptions. The best way is to regard two punctures as certainly venomous and treat the bitten part accordingly. As the only known means of cure, beyond excising, sucking, and treating the wound is to administer hartshorn, ammonia, or raw spirits in frequent doses of from half a wineglass to a wineglass every few minutes, keeping the bitten party in gentle motion until signs of intoxication are evident, no great danger can ensue if the treatment be unnecessary. I once used up a bottle and a half of raw whisky on a native servant who had been bitten by a cobra and he finally recovered. And this leads to the consideration of another point: Is the bite of certain venomous serpents always (as is sometimes alleged) fatal?

The unhesitating answer to this is 'Yes' as regards the larger species, *if the full amount of the poison has been injected and the bite is upon the naked surface of any fleshy portion of the body.* It will be at once seen however what loopholes for hope this statement leaves. A hamadryad, cobra or bungarus (the krait of India) may have bitten two or three chickens or some other prey a short time before (this happened in the case of the servant above mentioned.) In that event only a half or less dose of venom will be injected. If the bite be inflicted through woollen or cotton clothes, again, much of the venom may be absorbed thereby. A third mitigating condition is that if a bite be inflicted on a part of the body remote from any large veins such as parts of the shin, &c., its action is sensibly retarded. Certain distinctly venomous snakes again are too small to inflict fatal bites. Happily snake-bite mortality in this Territory is too rare to be accounted one of the dangers of life, while in India the annual mortality from the same cause amounts to many thousands. I was informed by a Major in the Madras army that a certain Indian station had, after several years' trial, to be actually abandoned, the cobra abounding to such an extent as to defy every possible resource on the part of the residents, including a body of soldiers and the natives of the neighbourhood! The latter of course are not keen on killing cobras. As amongst the ancient Egyptians, who regarded their local variety (*Naja haja*) as the emblem of female divinity, snake-worship exists amongst the Hindoos, and so little hostility is evinced towards the *Naja Tripudians*, identical with our Borneo species (*Naja Soutatrix*) except in markings, that a cobra will be allowed to take milk from the vessel in use by a child, who, if it finds the reptile too greedy, will simply hit it on the head with a spoon without rousing its anger. We have not arrived at such a state of indifference in Borneo, although scarcely a death has been known to occur from snake-bite since foreigners have resided in the island.

Before closing these introductory remarks a few words may be of interest regarding the swallowing capacity of the serpent tribe. An inspection of the mouth of the largest python does not explain its enormous power of dilation. Most people know that the upper and lower jaws of snakes are connected at the hinges by ligaments which allow of considerable separation. But many are unaware that the lower jawbones themselves *separate laterally* when a large object is to be swallowed. Hence the comparative ease with which animals several times the diameter of the snake's head can be introduced into the stomach. Over-distension of the ligaments and skin is, however, not uncommon and the too greedy feeder literally bursts himself in trying to master too large a mouthful.

The teeth of the python and allied tribes all project strongly backwards so as to prevent the egress of anything once seized. A similar but less conspicuous arrangement obtains amongst all snakes, except one or two species of egg-eaters, in which case an apparatus serving the purpose of teeth, or crush the egg, is placed in the gullet. In the larger and non-venomous species the upper jawbones are fixed and long. It is believed that this formation is found in some venomous species also but in the majority of the latter the bones are short and movable and so controlled by muscles that the action of opening the mouth causes the poison fangs, which are situated at the extreme outer end, to slightly project in an erect position. Each fang carries in addition to the long perforated fang which injects the poison, 4 or 5 immature fangs, so that if, by any accidents (which often happen) the loosely-fixed fang becomes detached, a second takes its place within a few days. The Indian snake-charmers extract the fang by irritating the reptile with a piece of leather or thick cloth, and, when it strikes, suddenly jerking the stuff away, thus bringing with it the fang. The experiment is not a safe one in inexperienced hands. The poison is situated in an almond shaped bag under the eye and communicates by a duct with the fang. It is a well authenticated fact that the act of striking may eject the poison to a considerable distance, and that the idea of a snake 'spitting poison' is not therefore devoid of foundation.

To the foregoing may be added some remarks on the power possessed by certain species of springing, by the uncoiling of the body, a considerable distance towards the object aimed at. This power, as experts allege, is *not possessed by the cobra*, which never moves its coils till the stroke has been delivered. If its nose therefore is 20 inches from the ground when it has reared it cannot bite anything 22 or more inches away from the point where its body commences to touch the ground. But it is somewhat singular that no book on snakes I have been able to consult gives any details under this head, and it would be foolish to run any risks on the assumption that this is invariably true. The cobra has one redeeming point. Unless trodden on or annoyed it never attacks men. On the other hand the hamadryad (of which I have seen a specimen 19 feet and 10 inches long) attacks without provocation, as do many perfectly harmless snakes. Fortunately, only about one-seventh of the various species known to exist in Borneo are venomous. It should be noted that snake-bite is most likely and dangerous during the heat of the day, snakes becoming sluggish when the cool hours set in.

A word of warning may be useful as to apparently killed venomous snakes. The reptile must always draw its head back before darting to bite, and I have seen a Malay, relying on this, calmly plunge his hand into a bag and thence bring out 45 live cobras and 2 hamadryads! for which he claimed police rewards. On the other hand a near relative of my own had, as he supposed, killed a cobra and had it hanging over his walking stick. While he was in the act of pointing out something about its jaws to a friend the nearly dead reptile drew back its head and inflicted a wound on the finger which despite the best medical and surgical aid by three medical men on the spot proved fatal in three hours.

The eggs of all snakes are of a squarish oval shape, i.e., less pointed at the ends than those of birds. They vary in size from 4 inches in length or somewhat less, in the case of pythons, to little beyond the size of a pea in that of very small species. They are frequently but not invariably agglutinated together by a mucous substance. Certain popular works on Natural History assert that all the venomous species are ovoviviparous, i.e., that although the young are contained in eggs they are born alive. But I can testify from personal experience that a cobra's nest contained nearly a dozen eggs each of which on being opened produced a lively little snake.

Certain snakes which take so long in swallowing their prey as to run the risk of suffocation without some special arrangement—such as pythons—have a large air-sack at the end of the long lung from which they can draw air enough to live on under such circumstances. The lungs of this tribe are of unequal size, the one being long and the other very short.

Snakes have no eyelids. All shed their skins more or less frequently, assisting the process by crawling through brushwood.

At the ball. Insinuating young man (to matron): 'How exquisitely beautiful your daughter looks to-night, and what a magnificent presence she has!' Matron: 'Ah, race will tell! It is Viking ancestry.' 'Quite so, I suppose they were splendid.' 'Oh, splendid, indeed!' 'But the pace was nothing to ours.' 'They did not go the pace at all, sir!' 'Of course, not; and then there were no pneumatic tyres.' 'What do you mean, sir?' 'Why, you know you said your charming daughter got her physical beauty from her biking ancestors.' 'Viking ancestry, sir! Biking, indeed!' Matron sweeps from the room to avoid exploding in public.

AN Inter-Regimental swimming match at Poona, Rs. 3·0 a side, was held at Holkar's Bridge on the 13th Nov. The competitors were Corporal Redrup, who is the Malta champion, and who belongs to the Lancashire Regiment, and Private Delaney, of the Yorkshire, who has taken some English championships. Distance—one mile. The match was organized by the men of the regiments entirely. The race was a good one, and give and take was the order, but it was finally won by Private Delaney amid great excitement by about fifteen yards. Both the men had had enough when they finished.

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Barometer	30.08	30.17	30.08
Temperature	67	71	65
Humidity	91	36	55
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Force	1	2	4
Weather	b	b	b
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Do.	1 P.M.	60
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MID SCENES SUBLIME.

GRATEFUL PEN-PICTURE OF THE ROCKIES AND THE MOUNTAINS BEYOND.

A prominent American who recently crossed the continent on the Canadian Pacific, gives a vivid description of the grandeur and sublimity of the Rockies and Selkirks. 'The experience,' he writes, 'exceeded our anticipations; in fact, notwithstanding our expectations had been raised very high, in no respect were we disappointed. I do not think there can elsewhere be found scenery so sublime, varied and beautiful as that which greets the traveller on the west-bound train, from the entrance to the Gap, near Canmore, until darkness falls upon him at Kamloops. It ought not to be hastily included in a continuous ride; but stops should be made, say at Banff, Laggan, Field and Glacier, so as, at these points, to view the falls of the Bow river with their magnificent surroundings; the matchless coloring of Lake Louise and her consorts; the grandeur of Mount Stephen and the Pass at the western portal of which the former stands like a gaint sentinel; and, as a climax, the subduing effect of the great glacier.

'At the last named station, after two and a half hours of hard toil, I ascended Cascade Summit, and from that elevated point obtained a vision I can never forget. Before us, to the west, was a semi-circular chain of snow clad mountains, extending probably 150 miles; and as the time was mid-summer, I assume that on those resplendent crests the snow eternally rests. We had climbed to a height which enabled us to see the top of the glacier as it lay glittering against the sky and on either hand spread out until it became merged in the adjoining peaks. Over the head of the glacier (whose feet touched the ground a short distance from the station), and directly behind it, rose a solitary peak whose snow clad head glistened with a whiteness exceeding that of the passing clouds; while a little to the east, the kingly form of Sir Donald towered majestically, one mile and a half above the rushing stream which flows at its base. As I looked upon that grand, yet awful monarch, with his brow above the fleecy clouds, and noted the majesty and grace with which he surveyed the vast expanse of eternal snow and ice beneath him, insensibly it brought to mind (and I could compare it with nothing less than) the inspired revelation of the Great White Throne.

'Below us on the side-track across the valley, was our car, which at the distance, looked like a toy that a child trails behind him. Beyond, we could see the railroad as it wound around the loop and followed the river, the latter appearing like a winding silver thread amid the profusion of green.

'I can think of no more generous thing which philanthropists or educators could do, than to enable some of the tired ones who dwell in busy cities and on lonely plains, or pastors who are exhausted and lack sermon material, teachers who are brain-weary, and students who are poor but ambitious, to view the splendid sights which abound on the mountains of the C. P. R. Such opportunity would be a liberal education, enlarging the sympathies, and giving to the most indifferent a vision of hope and beauty which would gladden them through life. On other lines you get glimpses of entrancing beauty, but on the Canadian Pacific you can look upon such from daylight to twilight, and thus be compensated, by their richness and abundance, for the distance you have travelled to observe them.

'One great advantage the Canadian Pacific tourist possesses. In other sections he may have longed to look upon a mountain from base to summit, but seldom has he done it. He must frequently be content with observing distant peaks. Foot hills and secondary mountains usually intervene. But it is different in the Northwest. For example, Mt. Stephen rises, sheer and precipitous, from alongside the railroad track at Field, so that all its lofty proportions are exposed to view from the observation car. In like manner, Sir Donald, Mt. Macdonald, the Hermit, and a dozen others of sublime eminence might be named, that can almost be touched as you glide by on the train. They are before you and alongside, close at hand, giants whose massive proportion are so fully exposed, that you feel you have seen entire mountains and not been compelled to rest content with unsatisfying views of distant hill tops.'—*Montreal Gazette.*

STRANGE AUSTRALIAN FISH.

Several varieties of fishes which have long disappeared from other parts of the world are still represented in New South Wales. Amongst these are the ostracion, or Port Jackson shark, whose teeth resemble those of the fossil acrodis, found in the mesozoic deposits, and the ceratodus, an existing ganoid, otherwise exclusively represented in the trias formation, its anatomy showing a connecting link between a lizard and a fish. Amongst other remarkable fishes found in these waters, several may be enumerated. The frog-fish, belonging to the order Pediculati, has fins adapted for walking on the ground rather than for swimming, and is found floating in shore amongst marine plants, from which it is with difficulty distinguished, owing to its great resemblance to them in point of colour. The hopping fish, a variety of gobii, or sea-gudgeon, has its fins developed into legs so that the animal is able to leap along the mud flats which it frequents. The eyes of this fish are curiously placed at the top of its head and are capable of being thrust far out of their sockets, and of moving independently of one another. The Hippocampus, or sea-horse, so named from a resemblance in the shape of the head and fore part of the body to that of the horse, is a very singular fish, but the phyllopteryx is, perhaps, the most remarkable fish of Australia, if not of the world. It is like the ghost of a sea-horse, with its winding-sheet all in ribbons around it. Its tattered cerements are in shape and colour like the sea-weed it frequents, so that it hides and feeds with safety. The dugong (*Halicore Australis*) was formerly met with at the mouths of the Richmond, Tweed and Brunswick Rivers, but it is now seldom south of the Brisbane River, in Queensland. It resembles the porpoise in shape and size, but has no dorsal fin. The skin is heavy and thick, and is said to make excellent leather. The habits of this animal are those of a graminivorous ruminant, its stomach being exactly like that of an ox. It frequents the flats and shallows along the margin of the shore, and feeds upon the grass which is found thereon. Like the whale family, it suckles its young, is warm-blooded, and, therefore, is incorrectly described as a fish. The dugong attains a large size, sometimes measuring 14 feet long and 10 feet in girth. An animal of such dimensions would weigh about 2000lb.

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A lady, whose name we are permitted to mention, will not soon forget the spring of 1890. It was then that for the first time in her life she was afraid to be left alone; not from fear of enemies, but from sheer nervous excitement. She was obliged to have elastic put into her slippers to let them out—her feet were swollen so; and her hands were in the same condition. In the morning her face would puff up and large lumps form under her eyes and on her cheeks. Then a rash made its appearance all over the body, vanishing again almost immediately, as a blush comes and goes on the face.

The suddenness of this she compares to the sting of a wasp or hornet. An intense itching accompanied it, so she could not lie in bed or be quiet in any position on account of it. She was in misery night and day, and scarcely knew what to do with herself. Her legs got so painful and felt so tired she was put to it to get about. For eighteen months (it must have seemed like as many years) she was tormented in this way.

Meanwhile she consulted two doctors, and attended successively at the Newcastle Infirmary and at the Dispensary. But nothing more than temporary ease came of the treatment they gave her. The doctors recommended a change of air, and in August, 1891, she went to North Sunderland. She found relief at that place, but not from the air.

Now we must get back to the spring of 1890, and inquire what, if anything, preceded this strange outbreak. At that time, the lady says, she first felt languid, tired, and constantly sleepy. She was troubled with bad headaches and attacks of giddiness. Her appetite failed; she could eat but little, and after eating had a feeling of weight and fulness at the chest and sides. Her whole system was depressed, and the life in her appeared to sink, as the water does in a cistern where there exists a hidden leak somewhere. Then came what has already been described.

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We congratulate this lady on her recovery and thank her for allowing us to publish the above details of her experience. The doctors called her ailment nettle rash, but it was more than that. Her blood was loaded with the poisonous acids generated by indigestion and dyspepsia—the same as the poisons of gout and of acute inflammatory rheumatism. The irritated nerves of the skin produced the rash, as the clogged pores were unable to excrete the poison. The purifying power of Seigel's Syrup expelled this poison through the kidneys and bowels, and by stimulating insensible perspiration over the whole surface of the skin.

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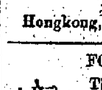
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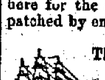
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Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Par.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
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Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Co., New Issue	30,000		125	all 183½ prem., sellers
Bank of China & Japan, Limited preference shares	39,950	£	5	£ 5 nom.
" ordinary "	199,875	£	8	£ 1.10 nom.
" deferred "	1,250	£	1	£ 1 £2, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	...	£	10	£ 8.10 £8
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	$	2.0	$ 50 $195, sales and buyers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	$	83.33	$ 25 $74, sales
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	£	100	£ 50 £25, sellers
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	$	100	$ 20 $25, sales and sellers
Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd.	10,000	$	250	$ 25 $197½, sellers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ltd.	5,000	$	100	60 $121, sales
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	$	100	$ 20 $37, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	$	250	$ 50 $265, sales and sellers
DOCKS				
Kaong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	12,500	$	125	all 147½ prem., sales
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	5,000	$	50	all $71, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	$	50	all $63
H.K., C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd	50,000	$	20	all $33½
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£	10	all $58
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	£	10	£ 10 £6.5
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Do. (new issue)	20,000	£	10	£ 5 £2.10
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	$	100	all $114, sales
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	$	100	all $60, sellers
WHARVES.				
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	$	50	all $48½, sales and buyers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,000	$	100	$ 37½ $42, sellers
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$	100	$ 50 $69, sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$	50	$ 30 $161, sales
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	25,400	$	10	all $20, sales and buyers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$	50	$ 40 $151, sales
TRAMWAYS.				
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd	1,250	$	100	all $90
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	45,000	$	5	all $2½, buyers
Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	$	4	all $3½, sellers
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	12,000	Frs.	500	Frs. 500 $75
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Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	100,000	£	1	13/10 $3.85, sales and buyers
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ltd.	7,500	$	100	$ 55 nom.
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Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	3,000	$	10	all $10, sales
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	3,000	$	25	all $20, sales
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